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Sec. of FCC,  
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Dear Sir:

I am writing to protest the  
new proposed "User Fees" on VHF  
Marine radio license of \$700 per year  
It is unfair to double the cost  
of Marine VHF license.

Boat tax is taken off, only to  
now tax the boat owner thru  
their Marine VHF license

This will have a negative  
impact on boating safety  
and unfair to boaters.

Sincerely yours,  
Howard C. Jacobs

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From: H.R. Hughes  
2003 George Washington Way  
Richland, Washington 99352

Date: 24 November 1993

Subject: User Fee's for Marine Radio Licenses

Without having any printed information on the reasoning of the F.C.C. regarding the proposal to increase the so called "user fees", it is difficult to respond except in a general manner. Why do you not sent copies of such proposals to licensee's? I own a recreational vessel that is equipped with radio equipment that requires licensing according to the F.C.C.'s administrative law.

As far as I can tell, the license I must pay for provides me with absolutely no service of any kind. The only benefit of the Marine Radio License that I have been able to discover, is that should my vessel be boarded by the U.S. Coast Guard, and they observe that my radio installation is legally licensed, that I will not be subject to governmental harassment in at least that area alone. I have installed this radio equipment for purposes of safety communication and navigation. I am not required to have any of this radio equipment aboard my vessel. Failure to have this radio equipment aboard will not subject me to any penalties under law.

What services do I receive from the F.C.C. by the fact that my radio installation is licensed? Not being harassed by either the U.S. Coast Guard or the F.C.C. are the only benefits as far as I can determine. What do I believe is a likely outcome of additional increases in the so called "user fees". I believe that in many cases, recreational boat owners/operators will simply ignore the need for a Marine Radio License as they did the Federal Boat User Fee's that have recently been rescinded by Congress. I believe that in many cases, recreational boat owners/operators will simply decide to do without the marine radio to avoid the hassle of incessant government meddling in their private affairs. I wonder how many more people will be killed in boating accidents because they were unable to summon help in a timely manner because of a lack of a means of radio communication? What is the dollar value of even one human life?

The purpose of these so called "user fees" is solely to tax the citizens whenever and wherever the government possibly can. These so called "user fee's" do not directly go to defray the cost of operating the F.C. C. It was the same as the Federal Boat User Fee's did not go to defray the cost of operating the U.S. Coast Guard. All this money is simply collected from wherever and was funneled directly to the U.S. Treasury for Congress to waste or squander wherever the pork barrel was directed. I would comment that at least in the case of the U.S. Coast Guard, the recreational boater could clearly understand and observe the services provided. From the viewpoint of the recreational boater, there is no observable benefit derived from payment of these so called "user fee's" for Marine Radio licenses except as a bribe to keep oneself out of legal difficulties.

To any student of Course 101, Government Taxing Processes, it becomes clear that any government agency that has been directed to collect taxes called "user fee's" will proceed to do so

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in spite of any logic indicating that it will be a non-productive process for all affected. The F.C.C. has been up and down a number of times concerning the collection of so called "user fee's" for several of the services under its domain. The F.C.C. completely blew it as far as the Citizens Band, finally giving up any hope of regulation of these activities. I would ask, what regulation does the F.C.C. do in connection with radio transmitting equipment installed on recreational vessels? I have yet to observe any such activity in my location. What do I get in the form of services from the F.C.C. in policing the proper use of the VHF marine radio frequencies in my locality? I haven't observed any activity that benefits my radio operation. There are any number of unlicensed radio's used on the VHF marine frequencies where the operators haven't the faintest idea of what the rules and regulations are. It sometimes sounds like the Citizens Band operators have taken over the VHF marine frequencies when it comes to vocabulary, morals and ethics.

Anybody with a brain and but a little interest understands that these so called "user fee's" are simply taxes collected for the use of Congress as it sees fit. The Congress has cut the funding of government agencies such as the F.C.C. and the U.S. Coast Guard in recent years to the point of where they are almost impotent as far as performing any useful purposes for the public.

I would challenge the F.C.C. to show how these proposed so called "user fee's", read that as "NEW TAXES" will benefit anyone but the federal government? I would challenge the F.C.C. to show how any of these so called "user fee's", (TAXES) ostensibly collected for some vague service provided, will have any direct affect on the funding level provided by Congress for the operation of the F.C.C.? Yes one could say that if you place a drop of water in the ocean it will rise some finite amount. Then you could remove another drop somewhere else and the level of the ocean would stay the same as it was before. These so called "user fees" (TAXES) amount to but a few drops when dripped into the Federal Treasuries very large ocean, but they become a significant amount when flushed out of the private individuals own little tiny puddle. And for what, I must ask? Beyond sucking the little guy's checking account dry, just what new service is the F.C.C. promising, soon to be forgotten, that we the recreational boater are not asking for and do not need, that mandates these new so called "user Fee's" (NEW TAXES)?

In summary, the F.C.C.'s proposed new "User Fee's" will not provide any increase in the level of the services provided. The effect will be that less people will avail themselves of the capability of having emergency marine safety communications. The number of people who will say the heck with any license at all will increase. The F.C.C. will be unable to do much if anything about the deteriorating condition on the VHF Marine frequencies resulting from the increased numbers of "don't know, don't care" operators of VHF Marine radio's. The effect of the additional punitive penalties directed towards the recreational boater will have a negative effect on the economy as more people will see fit to do with less.

I would suggest that the F.C.C. take action to eliminate all the archaic rules and regulations that make up the parts of radio laws, streamline the licensing process by making it easier to obtain a Marine Station License and generally clean up their act. You would save far more money than you will ever bring in through additional punitive taxes called "User Fee's". All it takes is for the F.C.C. to do is to declare that the proposed "user fee" is unwarranted, so do it!

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W.R. Hyman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Secretary of the FCC  
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Dear Sir:

After all the wasted effort and rip-off of recreational boat "user fees," finally abandoned by our Federal Government as an unreasonable expense to boaters, it seems illogical for the FCC to propose more "user fees" on holders of UHF marine radio licenses.

Doubling the already high \$35 five year license fee will certainly not be cost-effective and will discourage potentially responsible boaters from purchase and use of this basic communications equipment.

Since other amateur radio equipment such as CB radio is not routinely and dependably monitored by the U.S. Coast Guard, emergency response and boating safety will be seriously impaired. As a member of the recreational boating public, I strongly recommend against such a proposal.

Yours truly,

*Willard B. Eastman*

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Again, I am strongly opposed to this action, and request that you reconsider the fee raise.

Thank you,

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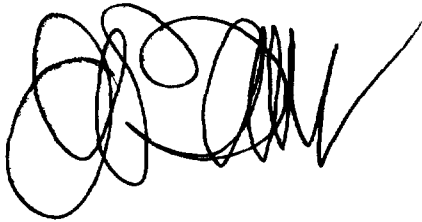
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

I would like to protest the imposition of yet another tax on VHF operation, specifically the seven dollars per year fee for each radio set. This is excessive, especially in view of the recent increase in the radio operator's license. The net effect would be decreased safety because more boat owners, especially those with small boats, would opt to go without radios.

Please reconsider imposing this new tax.

Sincerely,



JAMES O. BARTLETT

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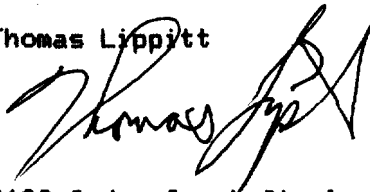
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I am very concerned that the FCC is considering doubling the cost of a VHF license to recreational boaters. A VHF radio is a piece of safety equipment and should not be taxed as a source of revenue. This will only make fewer people use one, with the possible result of loss of life. What is next, taxing life preservers. Boating is already taxed to the point where it is becoming too expensive for the average middle class citizen, but then maybe this is what the Federal Government wants. Please reconsider this proposal.

Thomas Lippitt



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to whom it May Concerns:

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I hope you will reconsider and not  
let the "User fees" on holders of VHF  
Marine Radio licenses be doubled in  
price. I feel the \$7.00 per year  
Boaters now pay is plenty.

yours truly

Scott Willmarth

Scott Willmarth  
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DR. T.M. HOSKINS  
Optometrist  
Specializing in advanced  
contact lens fitting.

Dear Sir -

I am writing in opposition to the "user fees" to be proposed in mid-Nov '93 for VHF Marine radio license. I believe this doubling cost will encourage non compliance in registering VHF thus reducing net revenues and/or reduce VHF usage having a negative impact on boaters safety -

Let me be stream-lined & effective in managing your budget as we do in private industry instead of increasing fees -



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Secretary of the FCC  
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Dear Sir or Ms.,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed "user-fee" to be added to the cost of my marine VHF license fee.

Although marine VHF's have commercial and convenience functions, they are primarily part of a boat's SAFETY equipment. We maintain a listening watch when under way, not to listen for friends to call, but hear DISTRESS calls. It is a long standing tradition of the sea, to come to the aid of other vessels in distress. I feel the increased fee will discourage VHF ownership and use, and this will have an adverse effect on boating safety.

I already pay \$35 for my station's five-year operating license. Even this seems excessive, when compared with the cost of state registration for my car and boat. Why should I have to pay double that cost? Where is the money going to and what added benefit will I see for the added "user-fee?"

For that matter- what benefit do I see now? Why do VHF radios need to be licensed and CB radios no longer do? I understand that station and operator licensing is done internationally, but this was primarily for high-power and commercial operators. Why do low-power non-commercial station operators need registration in our home waters. I know that correct use of call signs at the start and end of a transmission identifies the station and indirectly allows enforcement of the laws, but most abusers and illegal operators don't use correct call signs, so it is a moot point!

Instead of increasing our license fees, why not look at reducing unneeded government intervention? ELIMINATE the license requirements for low-power (25 watts and below) non-commercial marine stations in US waters!

Sincerely,

*Deane G. Reis*

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Again, I am strongly opposed to this action, and request that you reconsider the fee raise.

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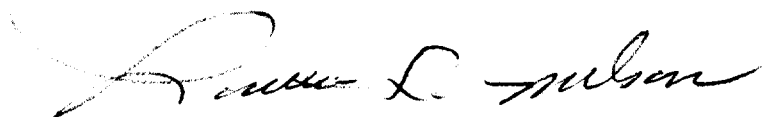
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